

December 25, 2016

Christmas Day

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
2100 16th St. SW, Austin, MN 55912
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PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: Oh Lord God, our heavenly Father, who of Your great goodness and mercy has caused Your only begotten Son to become incarnate, that we through Him might be redeemed from sin and everlasting death; O Lord, we pray, enlighten our hearts that we may be truly thankful for His gracious incarnation and birth, that we may be comforted by His birth in all time of tribulation and temptation, and in the end receive everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, and our precious Savior. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PASTOR: Call to worship (Reading of Hymn 85:6,7)

HYMN 136 –Angels From the Realms of Glory

Pastor: Oh, Lord, open Thou my lips.

Congr: And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Pastor: Make Haste oh God to deliver me.

Congr: Make haste to help me O Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Hallelujah!

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 98 (p.144)

Pastor: The Collect.

Congr: Amen.

HYMN 708 -- Oh, Come All Ye Faithful

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 52:7-10

The Lord sends His messengers with glad tidings of good things!
Salvation is proclaimed! Your God reigns! The ends of the earth has seen the salvation of our God! This is what we celebrate on Christmas Day as we observe the birthday of our Lord Jesus. The Lord has revealed strength of His arm in this lowly Child born in Bethlehem who was to be the Savior of all the world!

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-9

In the days of promise the prophets delivered the Lord's message to His people. Now the promises have been fulfilled the Lord has spoken to us by His Son! He who made the worlds, He who is the express image of the person of God has come down to earth, and Jesus purged our sins and ascended to the right hand of God. Jesus has been declared by God to be His Son, and so the angels were commanded to worship Him. His throne is the throne of God, and is forever and ever. "Joy to the earth the Savior reigns!"

HYMN 76: A Great and Mighty Wonder

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

The Word, by whom all things were made, was made flesh and dwelt among us. His glory was manifested for all to see. We also have seen the glory of His salvation. He has come to us with grace and truth.

HYMN 92: Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

THE NICENE CREED (p. 22 – Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN: 87 Joy to the World

THE SERMON: Titus 2:11-14

Theme: The Miraculous Wonders of the Unique Christ-Child
Manifest in His Birth!

Reception of offering: Hymn 89:1,5 To Thee My Heart I Offer

PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

HYMN 94 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

Congr: Amen.

HYMN 97: Let Us All with Gladsome Voice
CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible Class are in Holiday recess.

WEDNESDAY: Church council will hold their December meeting at 7:00 p.m. We need a quorum. There is end of year business that should to be handled before the end of the year.

NEXT SUNDAY: New Year's worship at 9:30. No Sunday school or Bible class. *Sermon text: Isaiah 63:7-9*

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Preston Johnson, Andy Ball, Joe Ubl, Ken Nickson

Cleaning: Hellickson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: December 18 Worship – 15 Sunday school – 1;

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	1,220.00	Missions	\$25.00
Needed for Year:	57,750.00		
Received for Year:	48,938.92		

Called to his eternal home: God, in His wise providence and grace, on December 23 called the soul of our brother Jim Bennett to be with Him in Glory. Visitation is scheduled for Monday evening from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Mayer Funeral Home. Funeral service is scheduled for Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.